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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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STORAGE CAPACITY OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total storage capacity of foodgrains in each State;

(b) the quantum and value of foodgrains destroyed due to poor maintenance leading to loss to the Government during each of the last three years;

(c) the main reasons for losses; and

(d) whether the government have formulated/proposed to formulate any action plan to avoid such losses in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a):The details of total storage capacity of foodgrains available in each State as on 01-05-2004 are given in the Annex. I.

(b) & (c): Stocks do not ordinarily get damaged in covered storage. During peak procurement period, foodgrains sometimes have to be kept in scientifically built Cover & Plinth (CAP) storage, wherever covered space is not readily available. A small percentage of foodgrains stored in CAP sometimes get damaged due to adverse weather conditions such as unprecedented rains, floods, cyclones etc.The quantum and value of the foodgrains damaged under CAP storage during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Total stocks damaged in CAP storage (approx) (In Lakh MTs)	Value(in Rs. Crores)
2001-02	0.11	11.30
2002-03	0.13	13.64
2003-04	0.13	14.33

(d):The details of steps taken to minimize the losses are given in the Annex-II.